

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 23 and 26-29 are now pending in this application. Claim 23 is an independent claim which the Patent Office allowed in its Office Action of October 22, 2004. Claims 1-22 and 24-25 have been cancelled. New claims 26-29 have been added. No new matter was added, support for claim amendments is provided throughout the specification and drawings.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 102

The Patent Office rejected claims 1-12 and 14-22 under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Gedney et al., USPN: 5,483,421.

Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections under 35 U.S.C. 102, however, Applicants have placed the claims in condition for allowance as indicated by the Patent Office to hasten prosecution of the application.

Claim Rejections – 35 USC § 103

The Patent Office rejected claim 13 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gedney in view of Tay et al., (U.S. 2002/0153602). The Patent Office rejected claim 24 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gedney in view of Robbins et al., USPN: 6,365,839. The Patent Office rejected claim 25 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gedney.

Applicants respectfully traverse all rejections under 35 U.S.C. 103, however, Applicants have placed the claims in condition for allowance as indicated by the Patent Office to hasten prosecution of the application.

CONCLUSION

The application is respectfully submitted to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, notification to that effect is earnestly solicited. The present application has been amended in order to hasten prosecution and put the application in a condition for

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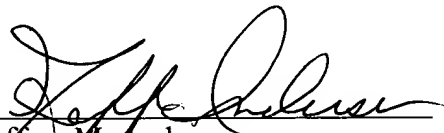
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allowance. In the event the indication of allowability is withdrawn, Applicants reserve the right to amend the claims back to the original form for further prosecution, without prejudice, disclaimer or estoppel.

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